

REMARKS

In the Action, the Examiner required an election from the following patentably distinct inventions:

Invention I, Claims 1-41 and 54-64, drawn to an inflatable blood pressure cuff assembly and automated blood pressure monitoring system, classified in class 600, subclass 485; and

Invention II, Claims 42-53, drawn to a resilient support sleeve with externally held biosensor, classified in class 600, subclass 388.

Applicant hereby elects the Group I claims and have canceled the Group II claims without prejudice thereto subject to pursuit in a divisional application.

The Action also requires that Applicant elect either the bladderless cuff member or the cuff member having a pouch and an inflatable bladder. Applicant provisionally elects the integral (bladderless) cuff configuration with traverse. As is known to those of skill in the art, the term "bladderless" refers to an integral bladder while the term "bladder" generally refers to an inflatable member than can be inserted into the cuff pouch. The term "bladderless" means that the bladder is integral to the cuff pouch and is inflatable. Applicant respectfully submits that the species are sufficiently similar in design and use as to overlap in scope.

The Action also requires that Applicant elect one of three different blood pressure cuff configurations: (a) the sleeve releasably attached to the cuff, (b) the sleeve is affixed to the cuff and (c) the sleeve remains unattached to the cuff during use. Applicant provisionally elects the releasably attachable configuration with traverse. However, Applicant respectfully submits that at least the (a) and (b) species should be searched together (releasably attachable and the fixed attachment) as in use, the designs cooperate with the cuff and hence overlap in scope.

Applicant respectfully submits the following claims read on or are generic to the elected species.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Claims Reading on Species</u>	<u>Generic Claims</u>
Bladderless	Claim 14	Claims 1-13, 16-41, 54-64
Rel.Att.Sleeve	Claims 27, 30, 39, 41 Claims 56, 57	Claims 1-26, 28, 31-37, 54, 58-64

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Applicant respectfully submits that this application is now in condition for substantive examination, which action is requested. If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Respectfully submitted,



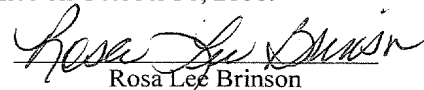
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